

Appln. No.: 10/736,280
Docket No.: H1823-00004
Reply to Office Action dated January 7, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Official Action, the Examiner has:

- (1) acknowledged Applicant's election and amendment filed August 10, 2004, and new claims 36-42 have been placed on record;
- (2) withdrew the restriction requirement of July 14, 2004.

In the Official Action, claims 1-42 stand subject to an election of species under 35 § USC 121, as follows:

- i) Species 1: an alleged species illustrated by Figs. 2-8 (Claims 1-12, 16, 21-25, 31, 33-34, and 36-42); and
- ii) Species 2: an alleged species illustrated by Figs. 9-17 (Claims 13-15, 17-20, 26-30, 32, and 35);

In response to the Official Action, Applicant elects the invention of the alleged species shown in Figures 2-8, i.e., Species 1. As identified by the Examiner, at least claims 1-12, 16, 21-25, 31, 33-34, and 36-42 read upon the elected species. Claims 13-15, 17-20, 26-30, 32, and 35 have been cancelled from the application. Applicant expressly reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected subject matter in related applications.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that at least claims 1-12, 16, 21-25, 31, 33-34, and 36-42 are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is therefore requested. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

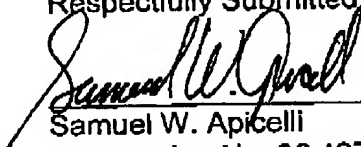
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If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the above-identified application, Applicant's undersigned Attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at 717-237-5516.

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